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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES GENERATED BY WIRE SERVICE

ACCOUNTS OF WHITE HOUSE PRESS BRIEFING APRIL 19

DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN PROVIDED WITH THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE

FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES.

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2. QUOTE Q. DO RON NESSEN'S COMMENTS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

TODAY REPRESENT A CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY REGARDING OUTSIDE  
MILITARY INTERVENTION IN LEBANON?

A. U.S. POLICY REGARDING OUTSIDE MILITARY INTERVENTION  
IN LEBANON REMAINS AS HAS BEEN STATED MANY TIMES  
PUBLICLY. WE ARE OPPOSED TO OUTSIDE MILITARY INTERVENTION  
IN LEBANON AND HAVE MADE CLEAR OUR CONCERN THAT IT COULD  
LEAD TO WIDER HOSTILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE WHITE  
HOUSE SPOKESMAN'S RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS WAS NOT INTENDED  
TO INDICATE ANY CHANGE IN THIS POLICY.

Q. THEN YOU CONSIDER THE PRESENCE OF SYRIAN TROOPS IN  
LEBANON AS BEING PART OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE SYRIA HAS  
BEEN PLAYING IN LEBANON?

A. WE CONSIDER THAT SYRIAN POLITICAL EFFORTS TO BRING  
ABOUT A POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION AMONG THE LEBANESE

PARTIES HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTIVE. THERE HAS BEEN NO  
CHANGE IN OUR POLICY OF OPPOSITION TO OUTSIDE MILITARY  
INTERVENTION IN LEBANON. END QUOTE. ROBINSON

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